in spite of the specific direction in their previous reviews, no information has been furnished in the administration reports of the municipalities of the districts regarding the action taken to dispose of the audit notes and objection statements promptly. The Deputy Commissioners are requested to require the municipal councils to bring to disposal all the pending audit notes of the previous years before the close of this year at least and to make mention of this fact invariably in their reviews on the working of the municipal councils for the year 1939-40.

A sum of Rs. 167-14-0 being the amount of mohatarfa collected in the Nanjangud Town Municipality was misappropriated by the bill collector who has absconded. There was another case of defalcation of mohatarfa collections in Sidlaghatta. Both the clerk and the bill collector of the municipality were dismissed from service and the amount was made good by the bill collector. One case of theft of mohatarfa collections amounting to Rs. 287 in Mulbagal was also reported during the year. Disciplinary action was taken against the officials responsible for the loss and the amount was subsequently made good by the concerned clerk.

14. *Inspections.*—The Deputy Commissioners of Districts inspected, as usual, the several municipal offices in their districts and issued necessary instructions for the rectification of the defects noticed by them. The Revenue Sub-Division Officers of Davangere, Tarikere, Chikmagalur, Mysore, Nanjangud and French-Rocks only are reported to have inspected the minor municipalities in their respective jurisdictions. The Deputy Commissioners are requested to issue necessary instructions to other Revenue Sub-Division Officers to make similar inspections of the minor municipalities in their charge.

15. *General.*—Panchalinga Darashana Jatra was held at Talkad during the year and the Royal Family paid a visit to the place on the occasion. His Highness the Maharaja and His Excellency the Viceroy were graciously pleased to visit Malvalli and Seringapatam, respectively, on their way to open the Shimsha Bridge and to Mysore. His Highness the Yuvaraja was graciously pleased to perform the opening ceremony of the Clock Tower at Darga in Kolar and to visit Chitaldrug in connection with the Eighth Mysore State Scout Rally.

Government are glad to note that the members of the municipal councils continued to evince keen interest in municipal administration, but, however, they desire that greater attention should be paid towards the collection of the heavy arrears so that the municipalities may be able to attend to the several necessary improvements better.

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Elections to the District Boards.

ORDER No. L. 8229-68—ML. 50-39-63, DATED BANGALORE, THE 28TH MARCH 1940.

Government have ordered that the elections to the various District Boards shall be held on 1st May 1940. In order that the elections may be conducted expeditiously, Government are pleased to direct that the Deputy Commissioners of Districts may, whenever necessary, indent upon the services of officers of other departments to help their own staff in the work of polling. Government trust that the Heads of Departments and officers will comply with the requisitions of the Deputy Commissioners promptly.

2. The services of officers of the Palace and of the Medical, Veterinary, Police, Railway and Electrical Departments will not, however, be available for election work.

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